

Remarks

The Examiner is thanked for allowing claims 1-22.

The Examiner did point out some minor informalities in the specification and, as the Examiner will note by reference to the amendments made above, the minor informalities have been addressed in the manner suggested by the Examiner.

The Examiner will also note that claims 1 and 12 has been amended to correct an obvious editorial error in the last line thereof. It is submitted that this amendment in no way narrows claim 1 or 12 but rather merely corrects an obvious editorial error.

The "steps" language of claims 1, 8 and 10 has been deleted. These amendments in no way narrow any of these claims.

With the entry of the amendments made herein to the specification, this application should now be in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit overpayment to deposit account no. 12-0415. In particular, if this response is not timely filed, then the Commissioner is authorized to treat this response as including a petition to extend the time period pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136 (a) requesting an extension of time of the number of months necessary to make this response timely filed and the petition fee due in connection therewith may be charged to deposit account no. 12-0415.

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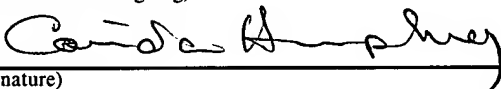
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